

## **REMARKS**

### **I. Interviews**

On July 26, 2007 a telephonic interview was conducted between Examiner Meah and Attorney Joseph Quinn. During the interview it was determined that Examiner Meah wrongly mailed an office action on March 27, 2007. As a result of the interview, the office action of March 27, 2007 was withdrawn. Applicant and Examiner Meah agreed that as soon as Applicant corrected the sequence compliance Examiner Meah would act upon the case.

On August 8<sup>th</sup> Applicant filed a corrected sequence listing and an amendment to inserted the required SEQ ID NO. identifiers associated with various listed sequences. The amendment to the claims was inadvertently directed to claims 28-85. These claims, however, as a result of previous amendments had been cancelled. Applicant, through their attorney, John C. Serio, spoke with Examiner Meah on October 3, 2007, and reviewed the procedural history of the application and, in particular, the recently filed amendment. It was agreed that the Applicant would submit this instant amendment to amend the currently pending claims in light of the corrected sequence listing filed on August 8, 2007. Applicant thanks Examiner Meah for his time and courtesy in conducting and granting these informal interviews.

### **II. Amendments**

The foregoing amendments are substantially the same as those made in the response filed on August 8, 2007 regarding the specification. However, the instant amendments to the claims correct inadvertent amendments that were made to claims cancelled in a previous response to an Office Action. The instant amendments are made to insert the required SEQ ID NO. identifiers associated with various listed sequences, as well as to correct an obvious typographical error. Namely, Applicant has added an "e" to the three letter abbreviation of the serine residue in SEQ ID NO: 2 on page 20. Support for said correction may be found in the one letter abbreviation of the sequence.

**CONCLUSION**

Applicants believe that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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